

REMARKS

Claims 1-50 were pending in the present application. By virtue of this response, claims 1, 4, 9-18, 21, 29, 30, and 32 have been amended. Claims 2 and 33-50 have been cancelled. Claim 51 has been added. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-32, and 51 are currently under consideration. Amendment and cancellation of certain of the claims is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented.

The amendments to claims indicated above are fully supported by the original specification. Therefore, no new matter is added.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office has rejected claim 4 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 4 is amended to remove the vague term “and other” as indicated by the Examiner.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office has rejected claims 1-32 as being anticipated by Cole et al. (U.S. Patent 5,933,827, hereinafter the Cole reference). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection as it applies to the amended claims.

Applicants submit that the Cole reference fails to disclose each and every element recited in the amended independent claims 1. In particular, the Cole reference fails to disclose at least the element of the “list of categories include a category for transacting business and a category for providing information.” The Cole reference discloses a computer system for identifying web pages. The system comprises a cataloging function which defines a hierarchy of subject categories. The system also comprises a profile building function which receives selections of categories from a

user, records the selections and responds with an identification of subcategories of each selected category. The subject categories disclosed by Cole are similar to the categories described in the second tier of the present invention. However, the Cole reference does not disclose or teach the method of categorization as described in the first tier of the present invention for transacting business (commerce) and for providing information (see Figures 1-3 of the present application).

Therefore, the present invention is novel and unobvious over the Cole reference for at least the aforementioned reasons, and accordingly the rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn. The amended claim 32 also includes the similar claim limitation as in claim 1. For at least the aforementioned reasons regarding the novelty of the features in claim 1, the rejection of claim 32 should also be withdrawn. It is respectfully submitted that the independent claims 1 and 32 and the corresponding dependent claims 3-31 are allowable over the Cole reference.

Support for New Claim 51

The support for the newly added claim 51 are found in Figures 1-3 and their corresponding description. This claim is distinguished from the Cole reference because the Cole reference does not teach or disclose the claim element of “a plurality of categories based on the copyright status of material on a page.”

CONCLUSION

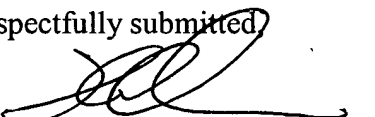
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 588582000120. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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